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date and elaborated with the facts of numerous interesting and well-known cases. The Appendix contains a valuable compilation of the acts of Congress and the statutes of the various states on the general subject of trade-marks, and also the mode of procedure for registration. *M. B. S.*

HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF WILLS. By GEORGE E. GARDINER. Pp. xv+726. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Company, 1903.

This is the latest addition to the Hornbook series and has all the merits of the previously published handbooks as well as some of their defects. The book expresses clearly and concisely the law of wills, together with a discussion of their probate. The arrangement of the text and notes is excellent, the succinct principles under each topic discussed being printed in black-letter type followed by a more extended explanation of those principles. Each statement of the law is abundantly supported by citations from the English and American decisions. In fact, this is one of the most valuable features of the book, for the citations in the notes include practically all the decisions on the Law of Wills in any court of last resort in the United States during the last fifteen years, as well as references to the leading English and American cases previous to that time. Theoretical discussion is for the most part not attempted, that not being the purpose of the book, the idea of the author being "to express clearly and concisely the law of wills" with "no discussion of legal theory except where it has promised profit."

Whether such a book as this is as valuable to the student as one dealing more at length with the theory of the law; whether the presentation of the bare principles, as set forth here, does not encourage superficiality in the student, are questions upon which there will always be considerable difference of opinion. For a terse statement of the principles of the Law of Wills the work is admirable. The book will probably be of more value to the practitioner than to the student, for here the busy lawyer can readily find in a condensed but eminently satisfactory form a statement of the law with the collation of all modern authorities, both pro and con.

For a well-arranged, clear, compendious statement of the Law of Wills, supported by a collection of the modern authorities, the book is to be highly commended. It will serve its purpose as furnishing a most convenient and accurate digest of the law. *B. O. F.*